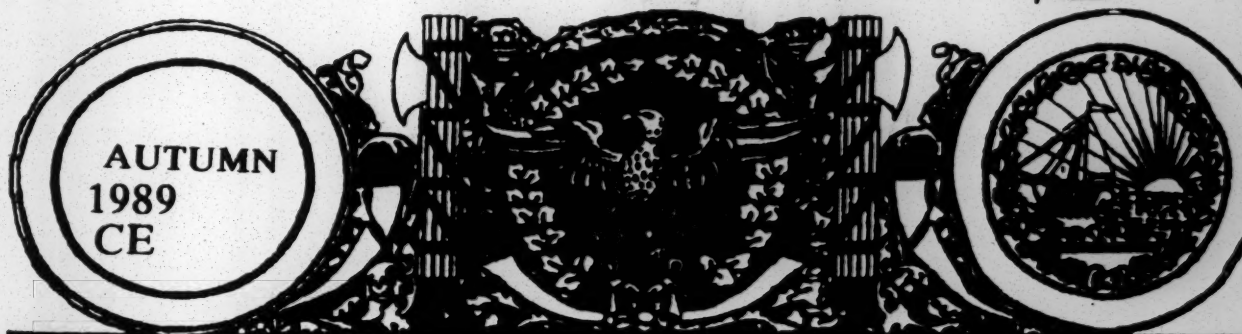


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NEARER TO NATURE.....by "B.C."

In any instant when one experiences the beauty, the wonder and the splendor of the manifest universe, in that instant one is transformed from a mere observer of natural phenomenon to a genuinely enlightened being. The message of Nature is always the same: "You are My Divine Child." "You are the Child of the Universe."

For what we experience as "awe" is our experience of Deity, in and as Nature, recognizing us as It's own, and filling our conscious awareness with praise and glory for the One Universal Life Energy of which we all partake.

Humankind has historically looked to teachers and holy books for Truth, when Divinity is written large in Nature and all Truth revealed therein, if one would but stop, look and listen.

Just as we may be transformed in an instant by Nature's beauty and splendor, so may we transform any moment into a moment of enlightenment by remembering our experiences of "awe" and "wonder". Stop in any unsettling time and recall the sunset, the seashore, the majestic peaks, and Nature's peaceful stillness, and our thoughts, feelings and actions will come into harmony with one another. Stop and remember Nature's message: "I am the Divine Child. I radiate infinite perfection. This time is mine, to do with as I will." In this way, we reform our circumstances and redeem the times in which we find ourselves.

Sacred spaces abound in Nature. There the Godhead Itself has constructed and filled worthy sanctuaries with Its Presence. The Pagan has traditionally worshipped this God/dess of Nature in grove and heath, seashore and hilltop, seeking a temple with roof and walls only in inclement weather.

So Nature is at once our sacred scripture and holy place. Come nearer to Nature and be refreshed.

Leaping Years

A calendar year that adds a twenty-ninth day to February, is, as we all know, a leap year. A leap year falls in years divisible by four except for centennial years, unless they're also divisible by 400. Thus, the years 1600 and 2000 are leap years but not 1700, 1800 or 1900. The term comes from a 19-year lunar cycle calculated by medieval astrologers, in which they deleted the last day of the cycle to correct the calendar. This deletion was called "saltus Lunae" or leap of the Moon. The term for a calendar correction apparently stuck.....

THE PUBLIC PAGAN

by

SCOTT CUNNINGHAM

A public Pagan isn't one who wears a flashing pentagram to work, to play, to the grocery store.

A public Pagan isn't one who casually says, "Yeah, I worship the Goddess," whenever the subject pops up.

A public Pagan isn't one who performs rituals in parks, dressed in flowing black robes, brandishing knives over flaming cauldrons.

A public Pagan isn't one who confronts Fundamentalist Christians, trying to tear apart their beliefs.

These are excellent ways to become an ex-Pagan, an ex-human being, an ex-incarnated soul. However.....

A public Pagan is one who wears a smile in the face of our sometimes overwhelmingly monotheistic society.

A public Pagan is one who casually thinks, "Yeah, I worship the Goddess," whenever the subject pops up.

A public Pagan is one who reveres the trees, the seashores, the sky and the waters.

A public Pagan is one who tries to see the thrust behind all religions, regardless of creed.

A public Pagan is one who recycles plastic, glass, paper and aluminum.

A public Pagan is one who contributes something, no matter how small an amount, to ecological organizations.

A public Pagan is one who lets deeds speak for themselves.

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Scott Cunningham has been a practicing Pagan, Wiccan, Herbalist and Polytheist since 1971. His two latest books, **The Truth About Witchcraft Today** and **Wicca: A Guide for the Solitary Practitioner**, were published in 1988. **Magical Aromatherapy** is scheduled for release in September 1989.

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NEWS FROM ALL OVER

NEW PUBLICATION to Combat Bad P.R.

Church Of All Worlds (CAW) now has available the long awaited 24 page Manual: "Witchcraft, Satanism and Ritual Crime: Who's Who & What's What" Compiled by Otter G'Zell, Editor of Green Egg Magazine, with statements from genuine authorities plus histories of Paganism and Witchcraft, history of Satanism and 8 page glossary. Bulk orders available also. \$2.00 each postpaid check or money order :

Green Egg, P.O. Box 1542, Ukiah, CA. 95482

BEWITCHING TAX RULING MAKES HIGH PRIESTESS HAPPY !

Congratulations go to "Our Lady of the Roses Wiccan Church" in Providence, Rhode Island on their recent victory in court (July 28). Lady Genevieve said : "With this ruling, we witches will definitely be able to come out of the closet and take our place in society." An American Civil Liberties Union attorney represented the Rosegate Coven in their fight to be recognized as a legitimate religious group, and won tax-exempt status. Under state laws, a religion must be a non-profit group, not set up for the purpose of avoiding taxes. It must have a litany or system of prayer, as well as specific doctrines and practices that its members are expected to follow. This is indeed good news for our brothers and sisters in Rhode Island and they deserve applause for weathering through the whole thing !

ACTION ALERT

The Aquarian Tabernacle Church in Seattle, Washington had their outdoor worship site visually broadcast on KIRO TV May 9th-12th, 1989ce during a special on satanism; they request help in a letter writing campaign regarding KIRO's slanderous treatment of the ATC; trespassing on the Church property and filming of the Circle without permission. " Pagans everywhere were libelled by this irresponsible reporting and we are demanding reparations." "We are determined to put a stop to this 'Geraldo' type media abuse of Pagans, but we need YOUR help" "Rights are secured only by those who stand up and demand them!" A to the point letter, requesting action and a response, using your legal name is the best way to help ATC. You don't have to say you are Pagan, only that you feel threatened by such disregard of human rights.

Urgent ! Please Write ! Love Donations much appreciated !

About the violation of our civil rights, the slander of our church and the trespassing on our property to produce a sensationalistic and untrue depiction of Paganism as a religious faith

Bonneville International
55 North 300 West
Salt Lake City, UT

About the irresponsible violation of our civil rights, the invasion of our privacy, violation of our sanctuary and utter disregard of our religious philosophy by linking us with Satanism.

Washington State Human Rights Comm.
1516 Second Avenue,
Seattle, WA 98101

About the irresponsible use of a broadcast license to defame a minority religious group, requesting an immediate investigation by their office:
(write all of these as well as your own Representatives, even if you are out of state)

Hon. Al Swift, MC
House of Representatives
1502 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20554

Hon. Brock Adams,
U.S. Senator
513 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Kathleen Taylor, Director
American Civil Liberties Union
Smith Tower
Seattle, WA 98111

Hon. John Miller, MC
House of Representatives
1406 Longworth HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Also send Copies please to:
Aquarian Tabernacle Church
P.O. Box 85507
Seattle, WA 98145 Attn: Legal

Hon. Slade Gordon
U.S. Senator
703 Hart Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Chuck and Bonnie Yelton wish to announce they were Handfasted August 22nd by Priest & Priestess Peter the Owl and Petherwin, in San Diego, California. The Couple seemed surprised to have confetti showered over them after the ceremony, which was the first Handfasting ever done by the Priest/ess. Friends gave the couple flowers and brought cake and wine, a community hug and song made the evening warm. Bonnie seemed to be the Star Goddess in Silver, Red & Black velvet gown with rosebuds on a silver starry crown. Chuck dazzled us in Gold robe with gold belt, looking very much like the Sun God.

PRO-CHOICE BOYCOTT OF DOMINO'S PIZZA

National Organization For Women (NOW) has initiated a Boycott of Domino's Pizza due to key stockholder and the chain's founder, Thomas Monaghan's contribution of \$50,000.00 to the "Michigan State Committee to End Tax-Funded Abortions". (the campaign against the referendum to restore Medicaid funding of abortion)

In the May/June Issue of National NOW Times, an article on page 12 goes on to say: "Domino's Farms, the chain's parent company, also contributed \$10,000.00 to anti-abortion activities, and during the referendum campaign, the company cancelled a NOW event at its publicly available facility after learning the money raised would be used to help pass the referendum. The anti-abortion campaign however, was allowed to use the facility for fund-raising"

While the Pagan Community probably has many different opinions on the issue of Pro-Choice or Anti-Choice, this bit of news is passed on in the spirit of support for the philosophy of women having control of their own bodies. To receive the NOW NEW TIMES write: 1000 - 16th Street N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20036-5705 (6x year \$35.)

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Inner Reflections

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Dragons Grove

Misty dreams they flow, across my mind, to a past so far away.
Where castles stood against the sky, and the sea was cold and gray.
Sorcery was at its height, in dark forest none dare tread. Winged
serpents sailed the dark night sky, woe to those they fed. I'm lured
into the forest black, a screech of an owl is heard, before I know
where I'm at a meadow does emerge. The moon does glow, soft
above, and low what do I see? A maiden fair in silvery light, she doth
beckons me. Before her stands a Laurel tree, old and gnarled by
time, as I draw near I see her face, she is heavenly divine. Her hair is
red as hells bright fire, her eyes are dark as coal. A golden goblet of
blood red wine, her tender hand does hold. Her voice is sweet as
honeydew, whispering my name, saying she hath waited for me, since
the golden age did reign. Daphne is the maid so fair, her eyes they
search in mine, the cup she raises to my lips, I drink down her sweet
wine. Her smile is brighter than all the stars, her laughter, precious
sublime. My legs grow stiff, she holds me tight, our love doth
entwine. Leaves merge from my fingertips, and roots from my toes,
together, forever, we shall stand, in the wood at Dragons Grove.

Steven L Wittwer
(Willow Greenhorn)

BOOK REVIEW..... by ELDAR

The Witches God, The Lord of the Dance is the latest book to flow from the prolific pens of Janet and Stuart Farrar. It's meant to be a companion volume to their earlier book: "The Witches Goddess". This new book is organized in the same fashion.

Part one is a survey of the many faces of the God from the Son/Lover through the War God to the grass widower. The Farrars retell the story of the Fisher-King and its' relevance to restoring a balance between the God and Goddess.

Part two is an excellent introduction to Gods of the myth cycles of most major cultures. There is a complete ritual for contacting the essence of each God at the end of each chapter.

Part three is a "selectively comprehensive" list of the Gods of various cultures of the world, past & present.

At less than \$20. for a hard backed copy, this book is a "must have" for the serious student of the Craft.



"IN SEARCH OF THE BEING WITHIN"

by T.K. Jones

The Being Within is isolated.

Lost.

Stolen.

Sold

at a slight
reduction
in cost
on your plane.

Denied.

Idealized

but

seldom

actualized,

For

Actualization

requires

personification

and

identification

of

the being within.

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Therefore I say unto you : "Reach In.

Search for that Being with which you identify

Internalize

Personify

Actualize.

Become the Being Within.

Discard the Masks of your plane

for the wondrous smile of the Soul ! "

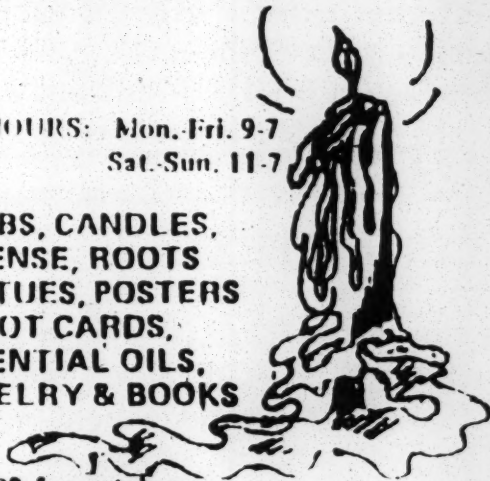


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This column will feature a different artist or writer in each issue of the SDP, telling us a little something of themselves. Laural of Luna has written articles on Candle Magic, Book Reviews and an article on the interpretation of Tarot card # 13. She is working on a book currently with her co-author Sacilon.

LAURAL OF LUNA'S TEXT

The question that I am most often asked is: "Why do you sign your articles as Laural of Luna?" Quite simply, I was born there. No, not ON the Moon, but in the County of Luna, Deming, New Mexico.

Magick is my love and my life's interest. Music, particularly classical and Renaissance plus writing are among my other interests. I am currently working on a book with my friend and Co-author, Sacilon.

My friend Petherwin suggested that I use this column to write my message. So.....READ MY PEN - Please Conserve Water ! Support the groups who are concerned about water conservation. The stuff is precious, a source of our very life, so treasure it and do not take water for granted.

Several of my friends and I foresee a dangerous shortage of water around the time of the turn of the century. Just MAYBE this can be prevented if we all act now. Use your broom to sweep walkways; don't water them ! Cutting down on the amount of water used for car-washing is something we can all remember. Read the pamphlets from the local water company and incorporate those suggestions into your daily living.

The stars are another interest of mine. Being born on the cusp is always a challenge. The Virgo side of me likes to be alone, reading a book and listening to Beethoven or Mozart. The Libra side loves to party ! I once saw a tee shirt with these words on it: "Cuspers have more fun !" Well.....maybe.

Along with my colleagues, "Sir Pudding" and "Ms. Bean", I enjoy investigating psychic phenomenon. If you know of any hauntings or other manifestations, please write to me c/o The San Diegan Pagan.

Bright Blessings

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"I BELIEVE IN MAGIC"

I believe in Fairy Tales, in miracles and dreams.
Life is really beautiful, though that's not how it seems.
Magic is a part of life, even if you cannot see it.
Close your eyes, open your heart, believe and you can free it.

I know of magic's origin, it comes right from the soul.
Believe in your own magic, and have faith in every goal.
That's the key, that's all it takes, of this you can be sure.
Just as long as what you want, isn't harmful, put pure.

Look at nature, babies, love, and rain,
coincidences, good luck, and those things we can't explain.
I know what it really is, why don't you ?
I can feel it in the air, why can't you ?

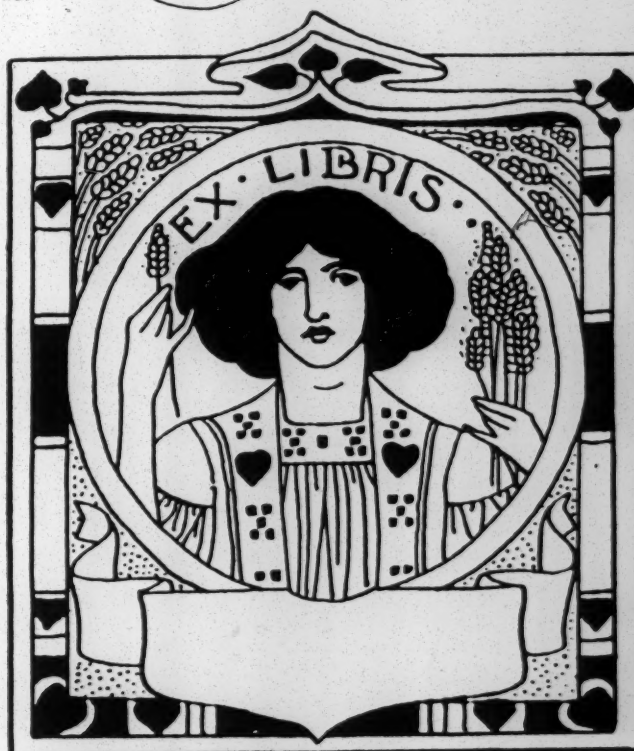
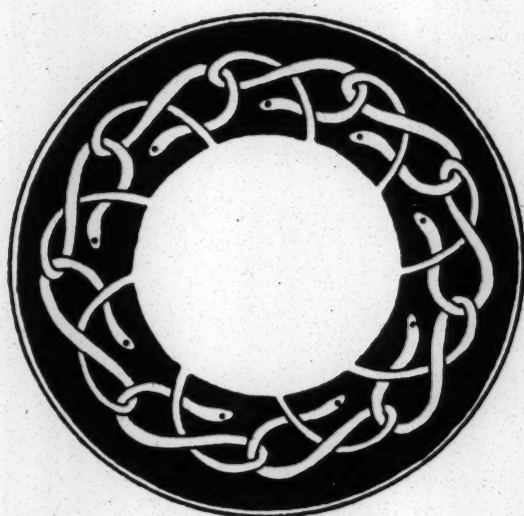
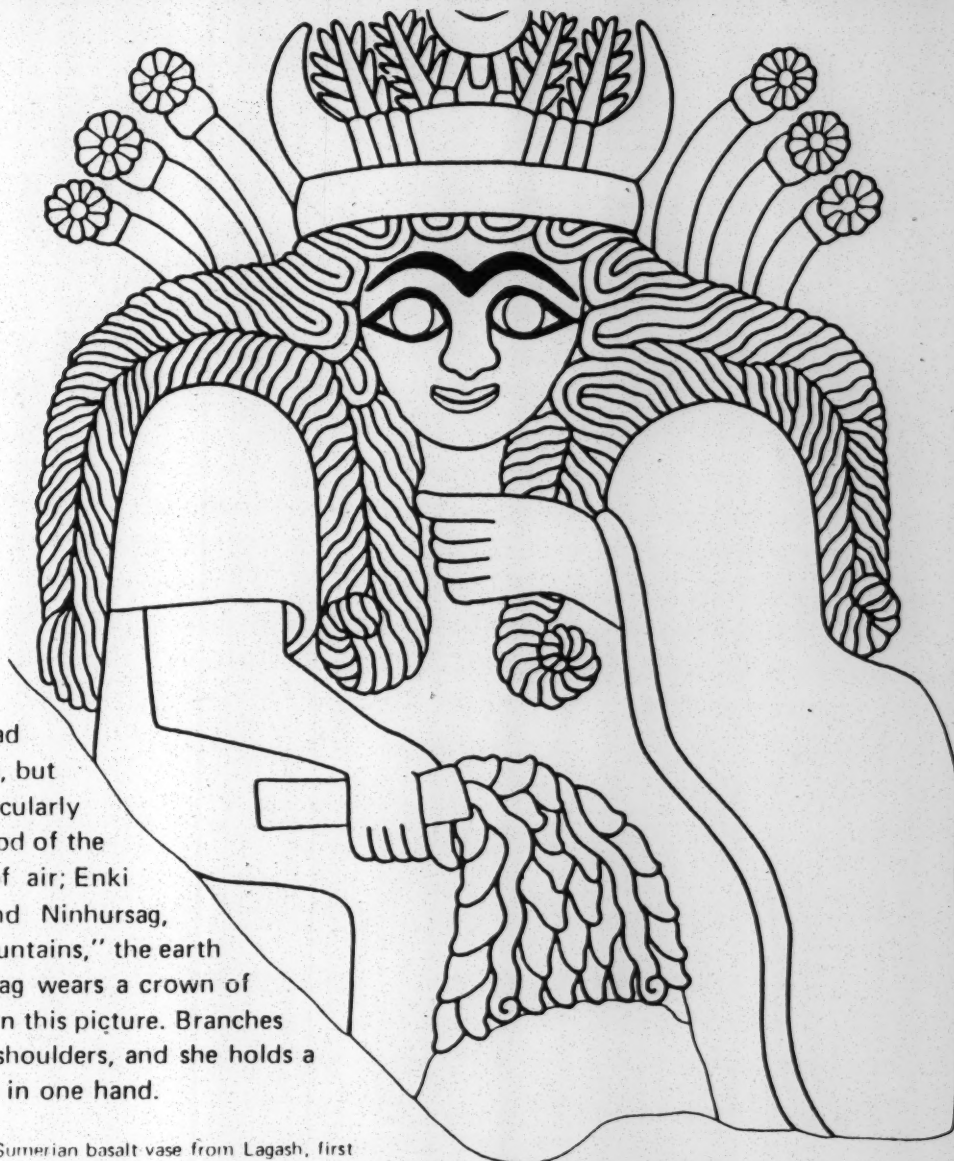
Why do people pretend that life is a hard,
cold place where special things can't be ?
They're all so blind, and just don't look --
I wish that they could see.
If you want to find it, try to do it just like me.
Open up, spread your wings, and then you will be free.

Submitted by Tanya
of Circle of the Soaring Spirit

THE GODDESS NINHURSAG

The Sumerians had hundreds of gods, but four were particularly important: An, god of the sky; Enlil, god of air; Enki, god of water and Ninhursag, "Lady of the Mountains," the earth goddess. Ninhursag wears a crown of leaves and horns in this picture. Branches sprout from her shoulders, and she holds a fertility branch in one hand.

From a fragment of a Sumerian basalt vase from Lagash, first half of the 3rd millennium B.C. Berlin.



HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER 30TH - FALL EQUINOX PUBLIC RITUAL.

A warm welcome to join in the celebratory turning of the wheel of the year at Vacation Village has been extended from Circle of the Soaring Spirit. This is due to start at 7 pm, call 429-1719 for further info, directions how to get there, etc. Bring blankets to sit on and potluck to follow, no alcohol please before Ritual. This area is beside the ocean, so dress warmly. Blessed Be !

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OLDE ENGLISH RENAISSANCE FAIRE - October 14th & 15th

Both days start at 10 AM, end at 6 PM. This annual event is in San Marcos at the Rancho Sante Fe Park. Gypsies, Music, Theatre, SCAers, Games, Dance and for further info call the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce at (619)744-1270 (admission \$6.00, kids \$2.00) Many wonderful local arts & crafts will be available for sale. Lots of Fun !

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OCTOBER 14th & 15th - The 5th ANNUAL

HARVEST MOON CELEBRATION! (L.A. Area.)

\$45.00 for Two Days or \$25.00 for One Day (Children 1/2 price)
On site registration begins at 9:15am

Workshops this year include Otter G'Zell's "The Gaea Hypothesis" and Morning Glory Zell's popular "Goddesses; Recovering Our Lost Heritage". Scott Cunningham will talk on Solitary Wicca, Paul Beyerl will talk on Sex Magick, and Anodea Judith's talk will be "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Chakras." Write The Pallas Society, P.O.Box 18211, Encino, CA 91316 or call (818) 407-4533. Register as a group and there's a discount, but hurry !

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THE MAGIC BOOKSTORE's having lots of great lectures and classes in the very near future, some of which are:

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Sept. 23rd - Lucy Brown - Psychic Protection 1 - 3 pm

Oct. 9th - Free Lecture Day !

Located in National City at 2306 Highland Avenue. Open 7 days.

HAPPENINGS continued.....

The MYSTIC MOON BOOKSTORE's having a Metaphysical Arts & Crafts Fair on Sunday Oct. 15th, starts at 10 am. Located at 8818 Troy Street in Spring Valley. Call Judith at 466-8064 if you have an interest in participating.

The MYSTIC MOON at 4433 Park Blvd has classes on Kahuna Principles starting Sept 28th. Call Jason at 543-1070 to reserve.

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6th ANNUAL

THE NORTHWEST FALL EQUINOX FESTIVAL

September 22nd, 23rd & 24th 1989

This year the workshops are plenty, there will be Rituals, Music, and Vendors too. Location is at Beacon Rock State Park in the Columbia River Gorge, so bring your camping gear & come hear Guest speaker Selena Fox of Circle who will talk on "Being a Pagan in a Non-Pagan World". Adults \$35. Children \$10 Contact: Oregon Pagan Council at OPC-NWEF, PO Box 1012, Oregon City, OR 97045 or call (503) 254-9152

2nd ANNUAL

WITCHES COSTUME BALL

is tentatively scheduled for October 28th, 1989ce however, we're not sure there's enough interest in the community, and want your input, comments, suggestions or commitments to participate. Shade Tree Learning Center P.O Box 261104, San Diego, CA 92126 (check bookstores for flyer closer to that time also)

P.C.C. and The San Diegan Pagan Quarterly contact person for the Long Beach and Los Angeles area is: MARK PRINCE 213-591-1756



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Editor's Corner.....by Petherwin

The last thing I expected to happen, an invitation to be part of a special Video, has indeed happened. One of the reasons I agreed to be part of the video named "Witchcraft: Yesterday and Today", is because Raymond Buckland wrote the script; I realized that this truly is a historic and important work, written and directed, produced and published by Wittans; I think the time is right to accurately tell our story to the world in a beautifully and professionally done video. To support this video by buying it will help our community as a whole; please refrain from copying it though because to create this Video cost ALOT of moo-la.

Should I mention one of the actors had his index finger blessed by one of the Bucklands' snakes ? (he got bitten & it took a few moments to remove the snake !) This seemed awful at the time, but in retrospect the finger healed up just fine, only: what a way to start our first rehearsal !

Some difficulty was encountered in finding locations to film the action parts, mainly due to traffic noise from cars & airplanes. The indoor scenes were much easier to "shoot" from a technical standpoint, however there was an incident when a neighbors' party became too loud with a live D.J. to continue filming through.

One of the most enjoyable parts of this experience has been getting to know the Director DeTraci Regula, who has become a dear friend. Peter the Owl and I both have a new found respect for people who make their living working under hot lights. Our last 5 or more Saturdays have been well spent working on this project, the resulting professional and truly Wiccan Video has been the work of many people organizing behind the scenes for over a year. Perhaps there will be enough enthusiastic support of "Witchcraft: Yesterday and Today" to warrant other productions covering different subjects on the Craft. I'll be looking forward to seeing more of this type of effort personally.

I'm pleased that real Witches are in the film and not people acting like Witches, because it certainly does make a difference ! I believe I've been given this opportunity as a learning experience, the full impact of being filmed might not make itself immediately known but, since I'm out of the closet anyway, I don't expect anything to change too much around here. We are indeed fortunate to be living in this part of the world, and in this time that has freedom of religion.

Another "project" that I'm devoted to right now is being on the Steering Committee for Evolution, a Wiccan Congregation of P.C.C. We are "gearing up" for the 2nd Annual Food/Clothing Drive for the Poor in San Diego. Besides the Editing of the SDP, and planning a

long awaited vacation to the NorthWest, I've found little "extra time" for writing letters to all of the wonderful people who have contributed to this issue.

If we didn't print your submission this issue, it'll undoubtedly be in the larger Yule edition. I'd like to see more Book Reviews and open Letters, how about it ? (please) ! **Many Thanks** to those who have submitted News, Articles, Permission to Reprint, and Artwork, and Poems, some of whom are: **Katlyn of Mermaid Magical Arts, Seagull, "B.C", Willow Greenhorn, Scott Cunningham, T.K. Jones, Laural of Luna, Steven Westfall, Circle of the Soaring Spirit, Janine Renee, B.R. "Bear" Hoffman, Eldar, "Kronos", Jacaranda, and Wendy of Albion.** May the Road Rise to Meet you.....Petherwin

P.S. "Witchcraft, Yesterday and Today" a 60 minute Video is slated for release in November 1989ce from Llewellyn Publishing, and will be available in bookstores or through their mail order service. For a sample issue of The Llewellyn New Times catalog write:
P.O. Box 64383-882, St.Paul, MN. 55164-0383

P. C. C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Priesthood Meetings to become a legally ordained Minister of Religion

contact: P.C.C. Board of Elders

P.O. Box 70114 scheduled to start October 21st
San Diego, Ca 92107 free of charge

Evolution is starting the 2nd Annual Food/Clothing Drive for the Poor ! The target date is Sunday, November 19th for the end of collections, so when you have a closet cleaning out time please remember this drive ! The Battered Women's Shelter will be one of the recipients this year & have requested such items as Instant Cup-O-Soups for those women in Motel rooms without cooking facilities, also much appreciated are peanut butter, and other non-perishables. We also could use "seal-a-meal" bags of various sizes to divide up large amounts of rice & beans. Several people have volunteered their 1) truck 2) seal-a-meal machine & 3) time for dividing the food into bags, for which Evolution is most thankful. We were able to distribute 300 pounds of food/clothing last year approx., our aim is to at least match the effort again this year. If you know of another worthy group that you want to benefit, please call 429-1719 after 6 pm weekdays & LET US KNOW !!!! Let's make this a community effort, not just an Evolution effort. Let us remember that without the Gods, we would have nothing.....

May You Never Hunger.....

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Sept 15th Full (Harvest) Moon (3:52am) & "BC"'s Birth Anniversary
 Sept 21st Ancient Egyptian New Year
 Sept 22nd Autumnal Equinox, Sun enters Libra
 Sept 29th New Moon
 Sept 30th Rosh Hashana
 Oct 2nd Gandhi's Birth Anniversary
 Oct 9th Yom Kippur
 Oct 14th Full Moon (0:33pm) & Succoth
 Oct 23rd Sun enters Scorpio * Capistrano Swallows Leave
 Oct 29th New Moon & Daylight Saving Time Ends (clock back 1 hr)
 Oct 31st Wiccan New Year Samhain
 Nov 11th Veteran's Day
 Nov 12th Full Moon (9:52pm)
 Nov 19th Target day for 2nd Annual Food/Clothing Drive
 Nov 20th Hawaiian New Year * SDP deadline for submissions
 Nov 22nd Sun enters Sagittarius
 Nov 23rd Thanks-giving Day
 Nov 28th New Moon
 Dec 6th Agnes (Endora) Moorhead's Birth Anniversary
 Dec 12th Full (Ice) Moon (8:31am)
 Dec 19th Feast of the Saturnalia
 Dec 21st Winter Solstice (Yule) Sun enters Capricorn

* all times given are PST for those who wish to observe the Lunar phases as closely as possible.

THE GOD OF PLENTY WITH THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH

From a relief carved on living rock with Warpalawas (not depicted), King of Tyana, before the god of Plenty. Near Ivriz, S.E. Anatolia, 2nd half of the 8th century B.C.

The bunches of grapes and stalks of grain which the god holds symbolize his power over crops and vegetation.



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PAGAN COMMUNITY

"The Law of Three"

Having been in the community only a short time, I questioned myself as to the point of submitting this open letter to the Neo-Pagan community; if I reach the hearts and minds of only a few people it will be worthwhile.

I've met a number of really great people, some Wiccan and some Pagan, only to find that at some gatherings too many times one finds oneself dealing with an attitude that men can't be friends with women unless there's some hanky-panky - remember my brothers, the Law of Three - what have you gotten back for this sexist act? Also let us not forget that gossip, even simple gossip, can be as painful as a manipulative way of dealing with others. The Law of Three is always there, so let's send forth Love and Caring in a non-sexist way.

submitted by Stephen H. Westfall
Blessed Be.

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SHAMANISM

Roots of the Tree
by Kronos

What does Australia, North and South America, Siberia, Central Asia, Eastern and Northernmost Europe, and Southern Africa have in common? Throughout these areas of the globe, aboriginal tribes still exist, with for the most part intact cultures. Within these cultures there is a person who performs a service which is common to all the tribes, in all the areas of all the continents just named. This person has been called many names. Names such as "medicine-man", "sorcerer", "witch-doctor", and "witch". Early anthropologists, wishing to avoid confusion, chose the word Shaman (pronounced SHAH-maan) from the language of the Tungus people of Siberia to designate this person, and it may surprise you to know that not every kind of medicine-man or witch-doctor is a Shaman.

Shamanism represents the most widespread and ancient methodological system of mind-body healing known to humanity. Archeological and ethnological evidence suggests that shamanic methods are at least twenty to thirty thousand years old. There is

even a very strong indication from classical Mediterranean literature and literature from medieval and Renaissance western Europe that the same basic shamanic knowledge once flourished in those regions, before the Spanish Inquisition eradicated it.

Today, shamanic knowledge survives primarily among people who, until recently, had "primitive" cultures. The knowledge that they preserve was acquired over hundreds of human generations, in life or death situations. The ancestors of these people learned and used this knowledge in their efforts to maintain health and strength, to cope with serious illness, and to deal with the threat and trauma of death.

At this point you are probably asking yourself several questions which I will try to anticipate and answer in the rest of this article. First, you may be asking: "What defines whether someone is a Shaman?" A Shaman is a man OR a woman who enters an altered state of consciousness - at will - to contact and utilize an ordinarily hidden reality in order to acquire knowledge, power and to help other persons. A Shaman has at least one, and usually more, "spirits" in his/her personal service.

Another question that may be on your mind is: "What do these people, from all over the world and from different cultures, have in common that justifies the claim that their systems are widespread and methodological?" In almost every case a person is "called" to be a shaman by undergoing a near-death experience where they meet death face-to-face and return with the knowledge that they have been chosen to serve their people. Even those people who are apprenticed to a Shaman to ensure a successor must eventually have this experience before the tribe accepts them as a Shaman. After being called to be a shaman, the student is taught to enter an altered state of consciousness through overstimulation of his/her senses. This is accomplished through various means, such as: supervised consumption of medicinal herbs, rhythmic and repetitious music, repetitive dancing, incense, ritual, flagellation, mortification of the flesh, and sexual techniques. This training is intended to develop self-discipline and the ability to enter or leave the altered state at will.

Almost all journeys into the altered state begin by willing the consciousness into a cave, fissure, mine or hole in the earth, where the shaman passes through a ribbed tunnel and emerges in another world. A world of power. A world between this and the next. Once the student is making progress in entering his/her altered state, he is set the task of finding his power animal. This can take the form of a fast, meditation, or (in the case of someone who has not had a near-death experience yet) an ordeal such as spending the night on a windy mountaintop in the dead of winter with only a blanket to protect you from the cold. Then, the student is taught a ritual called: "dancing

your animal", which allows you to attune yourself to your power animal. The next phase in the training is to go into the "lowerworld" to regain power. This is usually a solitary affair where the student goes into an altered state and meets and gains the promise of allegiance from his power animal. In some cultures though, such as the Coast Salish tribe on the coast of Washington State, it is a tribal affair with all the members of the tribe journeying with the Shaman in a ritual called the: "spirit canoe" journey.

Once the new Shaman has regained his/her power, he is taught various methods for healing, such as sucking out harmful intrusions, and is instructed in the uses of power.

If one of your questions is: "Where can I learn more about Shamanism?" I list here two books you may want to read.

The Way Of The Shaman by Michael Harner, who has developed a safe and practical training program, which, he says, is very successful for people who have a western European orientation.

Shamanism by Mircea Eliade is an anthropological report of his life's work amongst the "primitive" tribes around the world.

A Poem

by Seagull Who Soareth

SCULPTURED FEATHERS

GLISTEN WITH MOISTURE

AS WINGS SOAR

UPWARD THROUGH BLANKET CLOUDS

OF WEIGHTED GREYNESS

RISE TO SHIMMERING BRIGHTNESS

PURE

SO BEAUTIFUL THAT GULL EYES

GLISTEN WITH SEA TEARS

TURNED NOW TO PURE SILVER

AS THEY BEHOLD

THE SHINING GLORY OF THE MOTHER

HER RADIANCE OF INFINITY.

MUSIC REVIEWSby Petherwin

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BOB DYLAN CONCERT - Sept 6th - Although the air traffic was rather heavy above the Starlight Bowl in Balboa Park, the acoustics not the best, this old fan was able to glean the lyrics of a few familiar tunes. "Like a Rolling Stone" & "Mr. Tambourine Man" sounded great on acoustic guitar, Dylan seemed to enjoy the audiences' reaction too. The warmth was gone however when the electric band came back on stage, although the younger fans didn't appear to notice & kept on interrupting the music before it had finished, not recognizing the "jam session" atmosphere on stage. Truthfully I didn't recognize several numbers until a well known lyric was sung, & then I could patch together the tune. Alas - he didn't sing an old anthem: Subterranean Homesick Blues. Oh well. Times they are a changin'.....at least he remembered his harmonica.

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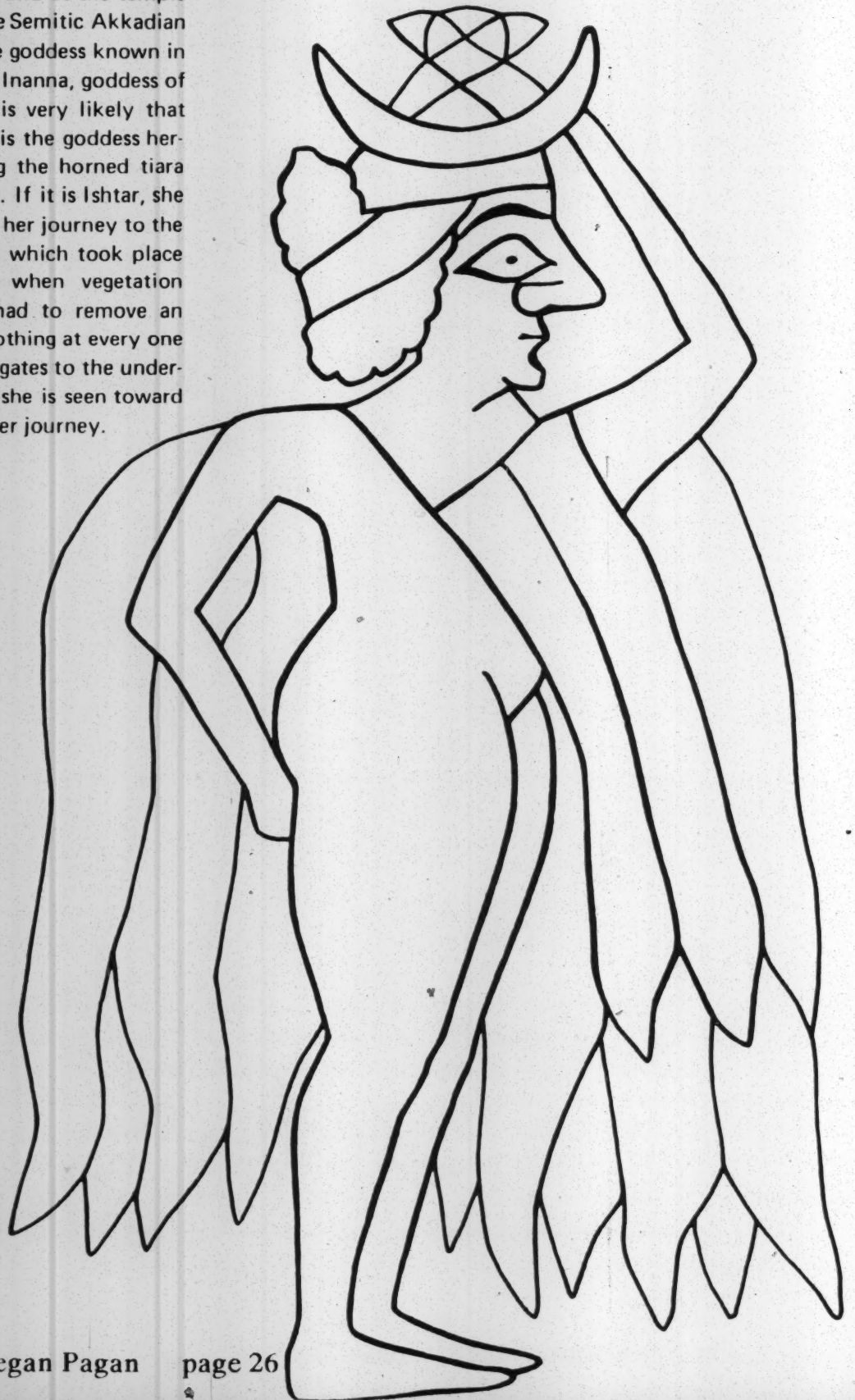
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A HORNED GODDESS

From an incised pearl shell from the temple of Ishtar at Mari, middle of the 3rd millennium B.C. Louvre.

A shell with this picture on it was found at the temple of Ishtar, the Semitic Akkadian name of the goddess known in Sumerian as Inanna, goddess of fertility. It is very likely that the woman is the goddess herself, wearing the horned tiara on her head. If it is Ishtar, she is shown on her journey to the underworld, which took place every year when vegetation died. She had to remove an article of clothing at every one of the seven gates to the underworld; here she is seen toward the end of her journey.



Your Gods Are My Gods..... by Peter Jacaranda

Once I was of Innanna's people
and met the Egyptians,
And their Gods were our Gods
by different name.

Later I rode with Alexander to the Indus
and met the Hindu,
And their Gods were our Gods
by different name.

Then I was a wandering ahosi of Abomey
and met the Masai,
And their Gods were our Gods
by different name.

Also I was Kahuna-powerful
and met the Christian missionaries,
And their God was our God
by different name.

Now I am a child of America
and meet divers people,
And your Gods are my Gods
by different name.

SHAMAN

Luminous glowing Moon, dissolves forest meadow to soft velvet.
Pine, Madrone, tall, dark, silent specters of the night, guard
mysteries, practiced by the Ancient Ones. Stone circles hidden deep
in primeval wood, burn with energy, of Earth and Heaven. I, the last
to commune with the dark airy spirits of the forest. I, the only one
left to worship in the Sanctuary of Eternity. I alone hold the key: As
Above, So Below. Men no longer understand the power in Nature.
They destroy all that is pristine and pure, the Stag, Bear, and Wolf
are fewer each Season. I, the last protector of the Old Ways, Keeper
of the wood, its' Creatures, all that was created by the Mother. I will
stand with the last of Nature at the World's end. I am content.

**Steven L. Wittwer
(Willow Greenhorn)**

Familiar Household PETS by Janine Renee

What makes a pet a familiar ? This is a question of some interest to witches, since a witch by definition loves animals, and most of us are pet owners. The psychic sensitivity of animals has for a long time been recognized, and many Pagans can point to unusual occurrences in which their own pets or the pets of friends have been involved. Indeed, almost every witch I know likes to call her own pet a "familiar." However, is having some level of psychic sensitivity enough to define an animal as a familiar, or should the term more properly be restricted to animals whose owners specifically use them in magical workings ? We have to question ourselves, how diligently have we worked with our pets in order to bring out their special abilities ? I know that I've been somewhat remiss in this area, and there's probably more that most of us could do in the way of training our animals.

Crafters look for certain qualities that denote a good familiar. Perhaps one of the most important traits needed is the ability to fix the gaze in concentration for an adequate amount of time. If the pet can hold the gaze for an entire minute, this is considered very good. The pet's level of perceptivity is also very important. How responsive is the pet to your moods ? Is the pet a good judge of character ? Carefully note how the animal behaves when a magical operation is going on. One witch reports that all three of her cats once lined up and silently and studiously watched her performing a ritual (these cats also leave whiskers on her altar as gifts.) Good circle behaviour is, of course, very important. We used to have one cat who would only walk around the circle deosil after it had been drawn. Of course, it need hardly be mentioned that the animal should have an extremely strong rapport with the witch who owns him. (or is it that the animal owns the witch ?) There are some who maintain that a familiar cannot be "made", they have to be "born", and you can't find the familiar, the familiar has to find you. Perhaps the reader can provide us with some interesting examples of this ? (Editor Note: Yes Please !)

The values of a good familiar are many. One of the basic duties of such an animal is to act as a guardian of the circle. An animal with a place of honor in the circle (we've seen pets with affinities for specific quarters) -being able to perceive things unseen, can alert humans to invisible presences, and it can also ward off that which is unwelcome. A witch with a strong rapport with a favourite familiar can call upon that animal to accompany her in her dreams, acting as friend, guide and helper. A very common use of household pets is as

"aids" in healing. One can channel one's desires through a pet and on out into the astral plane. All of these, and others performed by the familiar, are done in Love, and of course the real reason why witches keep familiars is that they love them.

A Visit To The Temple Of BAST

written by Janine Renee

This is for cat lovers:

You probably worry alot about the safety of your cats everytime they wander off for a couple of hours. When you're away from home, you find yourself wondering what they're up to, and when you see an unfortunate animal mangled in the road, you think about your own and say a little prayer. Therefore, if you are a cat owner, why not call upon the ancient Egyptian Goddess of Love and Beauty, whose sacred symbol was the cat, the creature of sensuality? Among her many other duties, Bast is the Patroness of felines. In her honor, the Egyptians were very careful to pamper their pets. In fact, it was a serious crime to take a cat out of the land. Therefore, she is an appropriate Goddess to call on for the protection of pets, and she knows that Craft people's pets are special. The following is a magical visit to the Temple of the Cat Goddess, combining the techniques of inner plane travel and the use of astral temples.

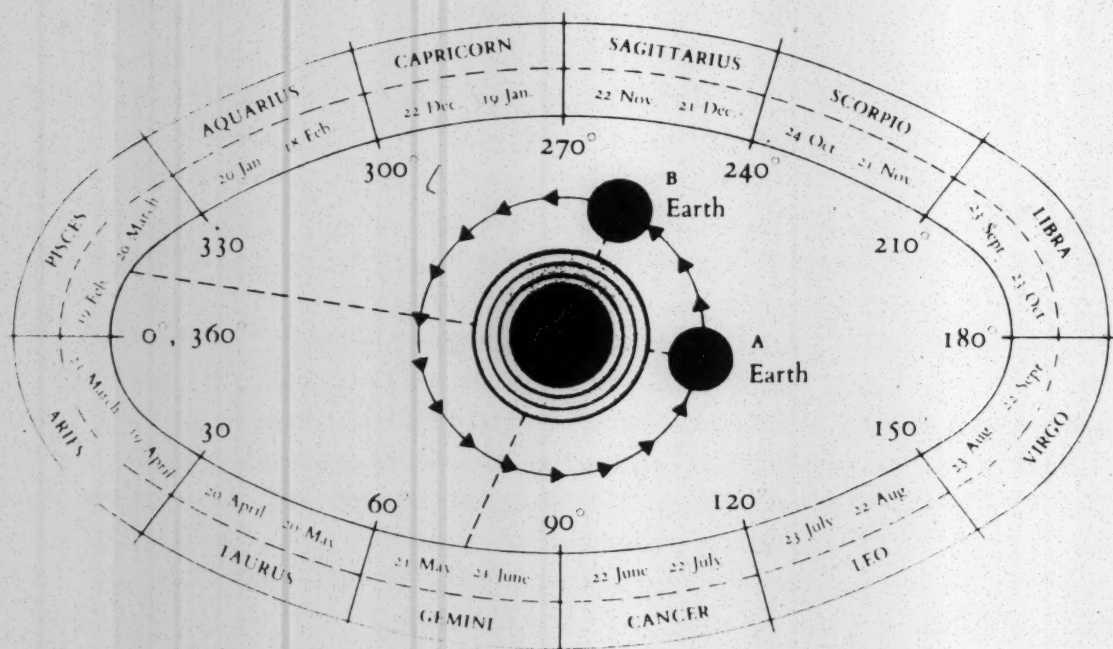
Late in the evening, set up an altar in honor of the Goddess. Use a single white candle (denoting psychic energy), a Bast statue if you are lucky enough to have one, or some other symbol, that in your mind, represents this Goddess, plus a small silk bag containing fur, whisker, or perhaps a special toy that is close to your pet, and also containing the symbolic offerings of a silver coin, bottle of perfume (which is also a sacred symbol of the Cat Goddess), and anything else you might consider including. (Editor Note: Catnip) Then, relax and meditate for a couple of minutes in the most comfortable position that you can find. Mentally summon your pet to join you. Strong visualization is required in this rite. You and your pet find yourselves standing before an immense door. You visualize the door opening to you, and when you enter, you find yourselves in a very long dark hall. You proceed to pass through this hall until it seems that you have come some distance. You come to another door which opens unto you and you pass through into a bright chamber where you see walls covered with statues and murals of sacred cats. A brazier standing before you suddenly bursts into flame, as a vision of the Cat Goddess materializes beyond it. You bow low, and pick up your cat, as you explain why you have come. You tell her that you wish to dedicate your animal as a familiar to her service, and that you

A Visit to the Temple of BAST continued.....

seek her patronage and protection of the pet. Then you tell her of the secret magical name which you plan to use for the cat. Don't be surprised if she tells you what secret name to use ! Then you should bow low and thank her for her help. Then, a payment shall be made in psychic energy. A technique that can be used is to visualize a beam of white light coming through your body. As you breathe in, you draw in the psychic energy through every pore in your body. Then you channelize this energy by visualizing it being shaped into an ever growing ball of flame which you knead between your hands. When you feel that your psychic charge is strong enough, cast it forth to the Goddess, sending it off by blowing a kiss. Then, the vision vanishes. You and your familiar back out of the chamber. The door closes behind you. You continue on down the hall until you come to the first door. It opens and then closes behind you as you find yourself back in your home. You open up your eyes, and then conclude your rite by writing down the pet's secret name on a piece of paper, and enclosing this in a silk bag. You shall then put the little bag in a box, and store the box away in a place where it will not be disturbed. Perhaps you can bury it in your garden by the light of the moon.

In concluding it should be mentioned that this rite should be performed for one pet at a time, as it involves expending much psychic energy. Your pet should be asleep at the time, although not necessarily near by. The night of the full moon would probably be a good time to perform the rite.

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Just for Fun.....Names.....by Wendy of Albion

Cornish Names: Trelawney Tristan Penrith Penagwin
Trevithic Penhaulurick Moon Corning

A rhyme: By Tre, Corn and Pen,
Ye shall know your Cornish-men.

A few meanings : Sylvanus means living in the forest
Ramona means wise
Roxana means dawn of day
Vida is the feminine of David
Alicia means truth.
Zenobia = having life from Jupiter
Beatrix means happy, blessed
Irene is a Roman Goddess of Peace
Iris is a Roman Goddess of Rainbows

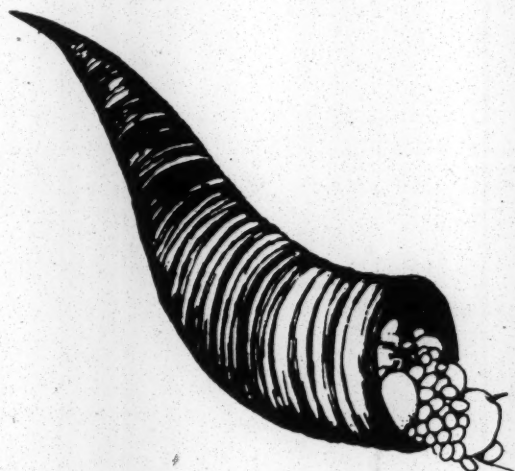
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